

# Landier Seeks Permit for Torrance to Huntington Park Buses

## Propose Hour Service to Connect With Rail Lines to Los Angeles

Proposing hourly bus service from Torrance to Watts and Huntington Park, where patrons would take P. E. or L. A. Railway cars into Los Angeles, the Landier Transportation Company filed an application for a State Railroad Commission franchise Monday, according to information on file at the commission.

No date has been set as yet by the Commission for the hearing on the application. The proposed fares are 25 cents from Torrance to Huntington Park, 20 cents Torrance to Gardena, 20 cents Torrance to Vermont and Imperial, Torrance to 112th and San Pedro Street and Torrance to Watts at 103rd and Success avenue.

No provision was made in the Landier application for bus service between Waveria, Lomita and Torrance. The Landier motor coaches, which now serve areas in Watts and Huntington Park, would operate on hourly schedule from the Pacific Electric station here from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m.

**Route Outlined**  
"The proposed route," according to Perry G. Briny, the company's attorney, "would connect Torrance with downtown Los Angeles rail cars and the P. E. at Watts and give an outlet to South Los Angeles and Huntington Park."

According to the application filed by F. P. Landier, president of the firm, the route would be as follows: Leaving the Torrance P. E. station, out Western to Market street, over to Norman to Gardena boulevard and then to Vermont. Up Vermont to Imperial boulevard, to Main street, to 112th, Avalon, 108th, Central avenue, 103rd street to Grape avenue. Along Grape, Fir and Crockett to Nadeau avenue, to Santa Fe avenue to Gage and Pacific where the northern terminal is located in Huntington Park. The return route re-traces this line.

### CITY SEEKS PERMIT FROM LOS ANGELES

Next move on the part of the city of Torrance to provide adequate transportation for its residents and those of Lomita and Waveria will be made Friday, Feb. 9, in Los Angeles. At that time, Torrance will press its application for a permit to traverse Los Angeles city streets with its municipal buses from the Los Angeles Board of Utilities and Transportation.

The city's application and that of the Asbury Rapid Transit System for a similar permit on behalf of the privately-owned transportation firm which has leased three of its buses to Torrance, pending the outcome of an application before the State Railroad Commission, will be aired at the same public hearing. This will be held in Room 187 of the Los Angeles city hall.

Meanwhile, the city of Torrance is continuing to provide bus service between Waveria, Lomita, Torrance and Los Angeles, with a northern terminal at 945 South Hill street. In the opinion of Mayor William H. Tolson and other members of the city council, expressed at an adjourned meeting late yesterday afternoon, the municipal temporary service is "doing much better than we expected."

### Order Application Filed

The average fare collections are around \$40 daily with no effort being made to increase patronage of the buses, Mayor Tolson pointed out.

At the meeting yesterday, the Torrance council instructed the city attorney to file an application for permit to traverse Los Angeles city streets with (Continued on Page 3-A)

### Continue Bus Hearings to February 14

After eight more local witnesses were examined and cross-examined on their support of the application by the Asbury Rapid Transit System for an interim permit from the State Railroad Commission to operate a bus line between Waveria, Lomita, Torrance and Los Angeles, Examiner William H. Gorman adjourned the second hearing held in this city last Friday to Feb. 14 in Los Angeles.

At that time, interests such as the city of Gardena, Los Angeles Railway, Motor Transit and Landier Transportation Company will present their opposing statements. Meanwhile, the city of Torrance is continuing to operate its own bus service, having temporarily leased three buses from the Asbury line.

The adjourned hearing will be held Feb. 14, 15 and possibly 16 in room 708 of the State building in Los Angeles. Examiner Gorman announced at the conclusion of the session Friday afternoon. That hearing developed no new points in behalf of the Asbury application but there were several new factors revealed pertaining to (1) the city's negotiations with Asbury for the leasing of the buses; (2) an amended fare schedule, and (3) a resolution of the Torrance Retail Merchants' Association endorsing "the proposed unlimited franchise to the Asbury Transit Company" and emphatically denying a rumor current last week that the Association is in opposition to the granting of such franchise.

**Paying Mileage Charge**  
Mayor William H. Tolson spent more time on the witness stand than any other person to testify last Friday. He described the changes in the transportation situation due to the discontinuance of the free rides offered by the Asbury firm and the city's undertaking a municipal service. He pointed out that the bus route was changed to avoid passing through Gardena because "they're our neighbors and we don't want to fight with our neighbors."

Up to the time he took the stand, Mayor Tolson stated that there was no written agreement yet with the Asbury company regarding the leasing of buses to the city. That agreement was in room 708 of the State building being drafted by City Attorney John E. McCall and Attorney Bert F. Wade of the Asbury Company. Wade conducted the examination of the witnesses, assisted by McCall at the hearing.

Mayor Tolson reported that the consideration being paid the Asbury Company for the use of three buses is three and one-half cents per mile, which price includes the maintenance on the buses of tires, mechanical repairs, greasing and servicing, including all lubricants except oil.

### Only Temporary Service

This fee was adopted by the city council at an adjourned meeting last Thursday night when the resolution passed Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, (which provided for a flat rental fee of "not to exceed \$100 per month") was (Continued on Page 3-A)

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## Winter Class of 1940 Graduating Here Tonight

**BE-CAPPED AND BE-GOWNED** . . . most of the members of the Winter Class of 1940, Torrance high school, gathered in front of the assembly hall to have their picture taken by The Herald's staff photographer. Boys in the back row, left to right are: Bob Berry, Bob Yancey, Edgar McDonald, Bob Emerson, William Ross, Joe Basile, Marvin Goetsch, Dick Beecher, Lloyd Beadie, Kenneth Perkin, Dale Falk, Howard Locke, Jack Thomas, Eugene Hatter, Akige Shimatsu, Vernon Quinn and James Snyder. Girls in the front row, left to right, are: Vivian Wertzalla, Audrey Stanley, Masaye Kujibu, June Nuckles, Marjorie Maddy, Dorothy Hamman, Elsa Norman, Eva Marie Peer, Phyllis Maddy, Lynn Boyd, Norrine Schroeder, Rose McLendon, Lorraine Rebadow, Dorothy White, Aunee Quigley, Jeannette Van Kraalingen, Hazel Fessenden, Pearl Lovelady, Marjorie Smith, Evelyn Lawver, and Betty McDougall.

### Motorists Given Extra Day to Get Licenses

Employees of the department of motor vehicles, faced with an anticipated record breaking last minute rush of applications for motor vehicle licenses, have been given an extra day by the attorney general who ruled that the renewal period would end Feb. 5, at midnight instead of the previously announced date of Feb. 4.

The ruling was to the effect that inasmuch as Feb. 4 falls on Sunday the department of motor vehicles may continue to accept applications up to midnight of Feb. 5, but that all applications received after that time will be delinquent and subject to penalties.

The Torrance branch office of the Motor Vehicle Department, located at 1311 Cabrillo avenue, will be open Saturday, Feb. 3, until 12 o'clock noon and on Monday, Feb. 5, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The Torrance branch has issued more than 12,500 sets of license plates since it opened Jan. 2.

### Roi Tan Hotel Purchased Here

The Roi Tan hotel property at 1211 El Prado has been purchased by the Security Realty Corporation, Ltd., of Long Beach, according to announcement made yesterday by Harold C. Freeman, vice-president and general manager.

Freeman said his firm has not definitely decided whether to lease the property or operate it, but has planned to renovate and redecorate the lodging place and install some new furniture and equipment. He said the hotel will be improved to become an attractive hostelry for either transients or permanent guests.

### Corings Taken at Dominguez Well

First corings of the Dominguez No. 1 test well off Western avenue and north of the Columbia Steel Company property, were being run yesterday afternoon. No reports are available as this edition goes to press due to the absence of the geologist from his office. The cores were taken at 3,800 feet, following successfully overcoming a "fishing job" Sunday.

Considerable optimism for bringing in a commercially profitable well was voiced yesterday by C. C. Boatright of the Boatright Drilling Company, contract drillers for the Dominguez Estates Company.

All formations so far encountered are similar to those usually found over productive oil sands. Boatright states: "Between 400 and 500 feet of repetitio shale which lies between the Pliocene and Miocene period formations has been drilled thru, and showings at the 3800 feet 'looked encouraging.'" Boatman said.

### NO PENSION DELAY

Aged aid checks to some 54,000 aged persons in Los Angeles county will be mailed on February 1, the County Charities department announced today to allay fears that there would be a delay in mailing.

### NAB PAIR FOR BURGLARY OF BATTERIES

Found hiding in the cab of a truck in which were loaded several score old batteries from the Firestone service station warehouse at 1154 Marcellina avenue, James B. Harrison, 24, of Los Angeles, was the first of two men arrested for burglary early Monday morning.

The second was Frederick Skiff, 24, of Bell, who was nabbed by deputy sheriffs at his home at the request of local officers. Both will be given preliminary hearings Monday morning. They are being held in jail in default of bail.

Police said 47 old batteries, with a total value of between \$50 and \$80, had been loaded on the truck. Harrison was held by Carl Burnett, a private patrolman, until Officers Travoli and Casullo arrived on the scene. He gave police a South Gate address where Skiff was located and claimed he was only working for the latter.

### Three Boys Hurt as Auto Turns Over at Corner

Paul Smith, 18, 1823 Arlington avenue, and two Lomita Japanese boys were cut and bruised up Monday morning when young Smith turned a Ford roadster over while attempting to negotiate a corner at a high rate of speed, according to police reports.

### 1 KILLED and 9 Injured in Auto Crash

Ben Hermado and Manabi Okda were riding with Smith, who was driving a car that belonged to another Japanese youth. He tried to make a right turn from El Prado onto Carson street and the tire marks show that he slithered around for more than 50 feet before the machine toppled over.

The trio was pulled from the wrecked car and given emergency treatment in a local physician's office.

Young Smith, in his version of the accident, told police his throttle stuck when he was driving out of a service station yard and, that in trying to avoid hitting another car, the roadster turned over.

### Merchants Endorse Application by Asbury for Bus Line Permit

Strong endorsement of the Asbury's Rapid Transit Company's application for an unlimited franchise to operate buses between Waveria, Lomita and Torrance to Los Angeles was given in a resolution unanimously adopted last Thursday by 61 members of the Torrance Retail Merchants' Association.

### 42 Students Will Receive Diplomas

A review of pre-graduation events for Torrance high school seniors and their plans for activities following commencement may be found on Page 3-B.

Forty-two students, evenly divided as to boys and girls, will march down the center aisle of the high school assembly hall tonight at 8 o'clock in their caps and gowns to receive their diplomas as the Winter class of 1940 from Miss Elizabeth Parks, acting-principal, and Miss Irene Mills, acting vice-principal.

For the first time in years, Principal Thomas Elson will not be present at the graduation ceremonies. He is recovering from a recent illness, but will be confined in a Los Angeles hospital for three weeks more, it was learned this week.

The Winter class of 1940 will present its talents in a student symposium which will be a feature of the graduation program this evening. Those who will speak on the accomplishments of the graduates are: Kenneth Perkin, academic; Dick Beecher, industrial; Lorraine Rebadow, commercial; Norrine Schroeder, social; Audrey Stanley, clubs; and Marvin Goetsch, appreciation.

### Reception to Follow

Following the prelude, "The Silver Swan" by Gibbons and the procession by DeKoven, Rev. E. W. Matz will offer the invocation and the combined choirs will sing "The Lord's Prayer, arranged by Malotte-Dies and the school's Alma Mater hymn. The Seniors are to sing their "Loyal Song" and the presentation of the class gift will be made by Vivian Wertzalla. Madrigal Singers will be heard in "O Lord, Send the Fire" by Cain and Edgar McDonald is to present the address to the Misses Parks and Mills. Announcements are to be made by Bill Ross and Jack Thomas.

There will be a half-hour reception immediately following the commencement ceremony. The audience is invited to remain seated until one host and one hostess from the family of each graduate join the receiving line.

### Honors Announced

Honor graduating students are as follows: Marvin Goetsch, Ephebian membership for his "good scholarship, citizenship and leadership"; Pearl Lovelady and (Continued on Page 2-A)

### ROTARY SPEAKER

Henry Higgins of the L. A. County Surveyor's office will speak on "Challenge of a Bewildering Age" at tonight's dinner-meeting of the Rotary club. Hillman Lee will be program chairman.

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### CREDIT UNION RETURNS ALL OFFICIALS

The annual meeting of the Columbia Steel Employees' Credit Union was held at the plant meeting room last Friday. The report of business for 1939 showed a prosperous year with a turnover of approximately \$35,000, and distribution of the usual six percent dividend which has been consistent since the organization was incorporated in 1926.

The following directors were re-elected: James Hanson, Robert Olds, Neil McConlogue, Claude Mackey, Stanley LeWand, Robert Dutrick, Frank Galante and E. W. McManus.

Two vacancies were filled by George Schmid and Frank Tower. The advisory board, Robert Wilson, Arthur Simpson and Walter Wallace, was re-elected. The board organized for the coming year by selecting the following officers: Stanley LeWand, president; Robert Dutrick, vice-president; Neil McConlogue, treasurer; and Stewart Holland, secretary.

### \$26,573 Damages Granted by Court in Auto Plunge

Damages totaling \$26,573 were ordered paid by the city of Los Angeles to the widow of one man, a local resident, who was killed and to two who were injured when their car went over the Pt. Fermin bluff at the end of Pacific avenue in San Pedro last March 15, Rufus C. Porter, their attorney, announced this week.

The judgment against the city of Los Angeles was ordered by Judge Percy Haight of Long Beach, who heard with a jury the case which lasted from Dec. 12 to Dec. 28.

Mrs. Pansy Rippe of 1005 Maple street, Torrance, widow of Bud Rippe, 28, who was instantly killed in the early morning crash, was awarded \$5,558. Clarence Comer, 29, of San Pedro, who attorneys said will require hospital care for life because of injuries received in the accident, was granted \$20,500, and Chris Jones, 47, of 212 Carson street, Torrance, less seriously injured when he was thrown from the car just before it hurtled over the cliff was ordered paid \$515.

Porter based his appeal for damages on the grounds that the city failed to erect warning signs or fences where Pacific avenue turns into Paseo del Mar. Mrs. Rippe asked \$75,358 in damages, Comer sued for \$80,000 and Jones asked \$2,500.

Three men were headed for the home of a fourth longshoreman to pick him up to go to work when in the fog their car bounded over the curb and the intervening vacant lot and plunged down the cliff to the rocks. Since the crash, barriers and warning signs have been built at the intersection.

### Woman Killed in P. E.-Auto Crash Near Torrance

A 58-year-old Gardena Japanese woman was killed and two other Gardena Japanese women were seriously injured shortly after 7 o'clock Monday morning at 190th street and Normandie avenue in the L. A. Shoestring strip when the sedan in which they were riding collided with a Pacific Electric car.

### Woman Killed in P. E.-Auto Crash Near Torrance

The victim, Mrs. Mito Suto, was the first person killed this year in harbor traffic outside of the city of Torrance.

Mrs. Maru Ueda, 49, driver of the car, and Miss Oshio Riyoko, 18, the latter a front-seat passenger, were thrown clear by the impact, according to Officers W. H. Hamilton and R. C. Danielson of the Los Angeles traffic investigation bureau. They are being treated at Torrance Memorial hospital. The body of Mrs. Suto was taken to Stone & Myers mortuary, Torrance, where an inquest was held yesterday afternoon.

The coroner's jury exonerated the P. E. train crew of all blame for the accident following the inquest. Funeral service for Mrs. Suto will be held tonight, 7:30 o'clock at the Japanese temple in Moneta.

Motorman and conductor of the car, the officers said, were S. W. Classen, 35, and Earl Morschback. Others listed as witnesses were Ruth Taylor, 903 Cota avenue; Earl Lock, 1323 Portola avenue; and Mary Cassidy, 1518 Marcellina avenue, all of Torrance.

### Red Cross First Aid Class To Be Formed Here Next Tuesday

A Red Cross First Aid class will be organized next Tuesday morning, Feb. 6, at Torrance Elementary school which is open to all interested residents. Miss Humphreys will be in charge of the instruction from 9 to 11:30 a. m. An attempt is being made to form a similar class at Torrance Evening school and those who desire to take the instruction are requested to sign up at once in order to start the class with as large a membership as possible. There is no charge for the course.

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### City Judge Lessing Heads Jury Judging Want Ad Rhymes Entries

City Judge Robert Lessing headed the group of judges who analyzed and selected the best rhymes for this week for the Herald-News Ad Rhymes contest. The winners follow.

**First Prize Winner**  
Mrs. Ada M. Ramsay of 2063 255th street, Lomita, will kindly call at the Torrance Herald office for her prize of \$1. Mr. Allen also invites you to bring your husband with you for a real Virginia Bar-B-Q dinner.

**Second Prize Winner**  
Mrs. George W. Murphy, Lomita, wins two tickets to the Torrance Theatre.

**Third Prize Winner**  
William Bennett, kindly call at the Herald-News office in Torrance for two tickets to the Torrance Theatre.